

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1988 AT 10:00 A.M.  
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), V. Baba, P. Fazio,  
D. Gold, B. Jenkins, G. Johns, M. Kusy,  
K. Lipke, B. MacKay, R.H. Pallen, C.Y. Suen,  
A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

E. Reyes

Absent:

A. Mohammad, M.N.S. Swamy

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-12-01-D58	MEMO FROM C.L. BERTRAND TO C.H. LANGFORD (11 NOVEMBER 1988) RE: ARTS & SCIENCE RESEARCH STRATEGY
SRC-88-12-01-D59	AN EXPLORATION OF THE FACTORS LIMITING GROWTH OF RESEARCH FUNDING AT CONCORDIA
SRC-88-12-01-D60	MOTION RE: CENTRE DIRECTORS

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Kusy, Fazio) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 3 November 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

A. Memo from Dean Bertrand to C.H. Langford (SRC-88-01-12-D58)

- 2.1 The Chair indicated that he had received a response to his memo from Dean Bertrand regarding Concordia's strategy for research funding. The Dean outlined the strategies in the faculty of Arts & Science that could stimulate greater research.
- 2.2 It was agreed that this document would be discussed under item 4 of the Agenda - 'Strategy for Development of Research Funding'.

B. SSHRC Council Meeting, Alberta

- 2.1 The Chair referred to a memorandum written by SSHRC's new President, Mme Paule Leduc, which describes the issues discussed at the Council's October meeting in Calgary.
- 2.2 A copy of the letter will be distributed to the SRC by the Office of Research Services.

C. Humanities Representative

- 2.1 The Chair announced that Dr. R. Rudin, History had accepted the nomination of Humanities representative on the SRC, beginning January, 1989.

D. Undergraduate Representative

- 2.1 The Chair announced that Brian Jenkins, Theology was appointed the undergraduate representative on the SRC.

E. FCAR Letter

- 2.1 The Chair referred to a letter written by FCAR President Mme Christiane Querido to the Rector which describes the establishment of special projects programs. Funds will be reserved for support of specific initiatives by excellent researchers or groups.
- 2.2 Ms. Williams will distribute further information regarding this program to the Committee as it becomes available.

F. ACFAS

2.1 Documents from the 'Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences' were distributed to the Committee for their information. The Chair indicated that more Concordia researchers should take part in the ACFAS Congrès.

G. 'Recherche - Développement au Québec'

2.1 Pamphlets from the 'Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science' entitled "Recherche - Développement au Québec: Principaux Indicateurs" were distributed for members' information.

H. January SRC Meeting

2.1 The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held January 5, 1989.

I. Report on Networks of Centres of Excellence Competition

2.1 The Chair reported that four Networks of Centres of Excellence proposals were signed by the Rector and submitted to the Inter-Council Program Directorate.

2.2 The Chair mentioned that a Peer Review Committee will be created to review the proposals. This will be followed by site visits by the Committee. It is expected that decisions of awards will be announced sometime in May of next year.

2.3 It was noted that Concordia is involved in 18 Networks of Centres of Excellence projects where submissions were made from other universities.

J. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Ms. Williams referred to a letter from the Senate Standing Committee to the President of CAURA regarding federal matching policy.

2.2 The Director of Research Services stated that Concordia has been awarded a total of 8.4 million dollars in research funding so far this year, which is a 4-5% increase over last year. These results include funding from all sources.

2.3 It was announced that Mr. R. Prud'Homme is actively meeting Concordia researchers. Dr. C.Y. Suen was recently awarded a large contract with Bell Canada which Mr. Prud'Homme negotiated.

K. Hydro-Québec Funds

2.1 Dr. Pallen inquired about the Hydro-Québec money and whether any decisions had been regarding its use.

2.2 The Chair informed the Committee that he had written a memo to the Vice-Rector, Services on November 22nd, in which he communicated the views of the SRC. The Chair has not yet received a response.

L. CIDA Networks of Centres of Excellence

2.1 The Chair announced that CIDA will be funding Networks of Centres of Excellence projects. There are two areas in which Concordia is involved:

- Health Sciences
- Technology and Development

III. SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH CENTRES  
(Document SRC-88-12-01-D60)

3.1 The Chair indicated that a meeting of Centre Directors was held November 23rd to discuss the Centres Questionnaire (SRC-88-09-15-D48).

3.2 The Directors agreed to provide a written response to the Questionnaire and submit it to the Chair by 12 December 1988. This will be followed with another meeting of Centre Directors.

3.3 The Chair stated that the Committee of Centre Directors had put forth a motion requesting that both the Senate Research Committee and Senate have a Centre Director as a member. The Motion (SRC-88-12-01-D60) was circulated to the Committee.

3.4 It was decided that the Motion be presented as two separate issues. The Committee agreed to revise, separate and present the Motion with a letter of transmittal from the Chair.

All in favour. Motion carried.

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3.5 A request was made to have a list of Concordia recognized Research Centres. The document will be put together by the Office of Research Services and distributed to the Committee.

IV. STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH FUNDING  
(SRC-88-12-01-D59 and SRC-88-12-01-D58)

4.1 The Chair referred to the document 'An Exploration of the Factors Limiting Growth of Research Funding at Concordia' and stated that it was a first step toward identification of the problems.

4.2 The Committee discussed the document at length and the Chair invited specific editorial comments, revisions, additions, etc. to be submitted to him by 20 December 1988. The revised document will be discussed at the next SRC meeting, then forwarded to Senate for information purposes.

4.3 The Chair stated that the concerns discussed in the document were those introduced to Senate at the last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.